Welcome to the Info-Roto-League-O!

First, the most important fact: draft day is Saturday, April 15, beginning precisely at 11:00 AM (or thereabouts). Plan on an all day (and probably into the evening) event, here at the beautiful headquarters of the world famous game cartel, Infocom.

Enclosed is the following information:

- Rotisserie League Stats from 1988
- Roster of avaiable players and positions (hopefully)
- A copy of the (simplified) rules
- Copy of the Opening day injury list (you may draft from it)
- Copy of USA Today's quick team previews

A few more salient facts:
The roster budget is $26. That means you have $26 to spend on 23 players, as follows:

- 5 outfielders
- 1 second baseman
- 1 shortstop
- 1 middle infielder (shortstop or second baseman)
- 1 third baseman
- 1 first baseman
- 1 corner man (first or third baseman)
- 1 designated hitter
- 9 pitchers

No money is needed on draft day. All money gets collected after the season, and the various people get paid off. Also, a small surcharge ($5?) will probably be added, as we are getting our statistics from USA Today computer. Figure on a cost of about $30-50 (if you don't win of course!). The player who comes in first gets 50% of the pot, second place gets 25%, third place 15%, and fourth get 10%. All prices in the handout and in the books in the Bibliography should be divided by 10, to get our prices.

The Current Commisioner-for-Life for the Info-Roto-League-O is Tim Anderson. Any and all rule decisions, suspensions, and general police actions will be handle by him. I, Jon Arnold, am your Data General. I will keep statistics and other such mundane and incredibly boring details as handy as I can.

Okay, let's have some fun out there!

Jonathan Arnold

Bibliography:

Rotisserie League Baseball - The Official Rulebook and Complete Guide to Player Values, by Glen Waggoner and Robert Sklar, Bantam Books $7.95. A

must have; contains the official rules (no kidding) as well as invaluable player ratings, strategies and history.

Patton's 1989 Fantasy Baseball Price Guide, by Alex Patton, Simon & Schuster (Fireside), $8.95. Slight misnamed (really gives what he feels players were worth last year), but contains many insights into players and strategies.

The Fantasy Baseball Abstract, by Wayne M. Welch, Perigee Books, $8.95. Rates players from zero to 5 stars, looks at the teams, and covers plenty of Rotisserie strategy.

The Sporting News Official Baseball Register, Ed. Barry Siegel, The Sporting News, $10.95. Complete register and statistics of everyone on a major league roster. Invaluable for deciding on that little known phenom from Arkansas.

Magazines:

Baseball America's Baseball '89 - Baseball America, a baseball biweekly newslette, is the acknowledge expert on the minor leagues. Much usefull discussion on young players. Two articles for Fantasy League owners (that's you!)

Street & Smith's Baseball - Team, season, and minor league reviews. All the stats.

The Sporting News 1989 Baseball Yearbook - Team reviews, stats.

Bill Mazeroski's Baseball '89 - Complete team reviews, fun reading and the best minor league coverage. Also, 1 good article on Fantasy League drafting.